



Brussels, 24 September 2013  
130924/XX

## STATEMENT

### by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the postponement of the second round of presidential elections in the Maldives

The High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, issued the following statement today:

*"I have noted that the Supreme Court of the Maldives has issued a temporary injunction ordering the postponement of the second round of presidential elections, which had been set for 28 September. This followed allegations of discrepancies or irregularities during the first round on 7 September.*

*I recall that the international community recognized the outcome of the first round as inclusive and credible, and considered that it reflected the will of the Maldivian people.*

*I call upon the responsible Maldivian authorities to ensure that the second round takes place without delay and in accordance with the constitution of the Maldives.*

*I urge all Maldivians to work together to safeguard the integrity of the democratic process and ensure that the second round takes place in the same impartial and effective spirit as the first".*

---

FOR FURTHER DETAILS:

Michael Mann +32 498 999 780 - +32 2 584 9780- [Michael.Mann@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:Michael.Mann@eeas.europa.eu) @EUHighRepSpox  
Maja Kocijancic +32 498 984 425 - +32 2 298 65 70 - [Maja.Kocijancic@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Maja.Kocijancic@ec.europa.eu) @AshtonSpox Maja  
Sebastien Brabant +32 460 75 09 98 - [Sebastien.Brabant@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Sebastien.Brabant@ec.europa.eu)  
Eamonn Prendergast +32 460 75 32 93 – [Eamonn.Prendergast@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Eamonn.Prendergast@ec.europa.eu)

Follow us on Twitter [@eu\\_eas](https://twitter.com/eu_eas)

[www.facebook.com/EuropeanExternalActionService](https://www.facebook.com/EuropeanExternalActionService)

[www.eeas.europa.eu](http://www.eeas.europa.eu)